



June 10, 2004

**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: In the Matter of IP-Enabled Services, CC Docket No. 04-28

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This letter is filed in accordance with Commission rules. On June 9, 2004, Wendy Thompson Fast of Consolidated Telephone Company, Craig Aman of HunTel Systems, Charlie Cooper of TELECOM Consulting Resources, Michael Urdahl of Great Plains Communications, and I, on behalf of the Alliance for Rational Intercarrier Compensation (ARIC), met with various FCC Wireline Competition Bureau staff to present ARIC views on appropriate regulatory and universal service policy in an Internet Protocol telecommunications environment. FCC staff present at the meeting included Jeffrey Carlisle, Rob Tanner, Steve Morris, Jennifer McKee, Jane Jackson and Margaret Dailey.

We recommended that the FCC adopt a layered approach to regulation in the IP world. Barriers to entry and the market power that can be exerted over certain layers of the IP network, especially for affordable access to the Internet backbone, necessitate regulatory intervention. We also discussed the ARIC's views on the importance of universal service support in rural areas ultimately being targeted to infrastructure in layers 1 and 2 in the OSI stack. A copy of the presentation that was utilized in the meeting is attached to this filing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ken Pfister'.

Vice President-Strategic Policy

Attachment